

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for assigning a task to be performed by one of a plurality of interconnected electronics devices connected together into an electronics system comprising the
5 steps of uniquely identifying each of the available units capable of performing the task and then choosing, preferably on a random basis, one of the identified units. The electronics devices may be communications coupled together to form a communications system and the task to be performed may be the generation of sync and/or timing signals for the system. The steps of the method may be performed on a continuing basis to allow the signals to be generated as
10 individual communications units are added to or dropped from the system.

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